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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

23 October 1968

MEMORANDUM

THE EVALUATION AND USES OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE USSR:
An Examination, Surmise, and Critique

SUMMARY

Evaluation and coordination of intelligence in the USSR is essentially a function of the same people and the same institutions that formulate Soviet foreign policy. There is no separate mechanism, as there is in the United States, for making National Intelligence Estimates. It is nevertheless true that papers of an estimative nature are prepared for the benefit of the political leadership. There is, in fact, an intelligence community of sorts in Moscow which -- though quite unlike our own -- produces evaluated intelligence along with policy recommendations and which seeks in its own way to peer into the future. The organ responsible for overseeing this process is the permanent professional staff (apparatus) of the Communist Party Central Committee. One or more departments of this staff, according to the subject under consideration, apparently are charged with the drafting, coordination, and dissemination of a broad variety of papers dealing with Soviet foreign policies and international affairs in general. Participating in the process, as appropriate, are the other regular members of this community: the KGB, GRU (military intelligence), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the various Soviet Academies, principally the Institute of World Economics and International Affairs.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: **The Director**

Here is paper on Soviet estimating, with a summary.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: **Admiral Taylor**

The attached special study concerning how and how well the Soviets go about preparing their own versions of national intelligence estimates was prepared at the request of the Director of Central Intelligence, who has asked that it be passed along to the members of USIB.

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